

PUBLIC HEARING:

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- b) An ordinance (06-20) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 705.01 acre tract of land located at Beulah Land Farm Road and identified by tax map number 103-00-00-005 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- c) A resolution (06-67) in support of the issuance by the Educational Facilities Authority for Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Learning of its educational facilities revenue bonds (Erskine College Project) series 2006, pursuant to the provisions of Title 59, Chapter 109, of The Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$11,500,000. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2006 MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Simpson, Councilman O'Quinn, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Gunnells stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2006, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Calhoun abstaining.

Chairman Gunnells requested that Resolution 06-67 be moved here, Ordinance 06-16 be moved till after Executive Session and Resolution 06-71 be added to new business. There was no objection from Council.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke on Ordinance 06-22. This ordinance infringes on the rights of Abbeville County citizens. This needs to be more specific, it covers too wide of an area. We have already fought to maintain our rights and this draft kills everything! You owe it to the people of this County to voice their opinion even if we disagree with you.

Mr. Mack Beaty, IV, of 38 Highway 28 South, Abbeville informed Council that Ordinance 06-23 is in conflict with the right for minutes to be available to the public for inspection. Now in regards to ordinance 06-22 what is the catalyst for this being done? Banning open forum is a step backwards, not only are bad things spoken about, but also good things can be said. If Council does not feel that it can give the residents of Abbeville County five (5) minutes to speak, then they are on the wrong side of the bench.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (06-15) providing for the transfer of authority for conducting Town of Due West Municipal Elections to the Abbeville County Registration and Elections Commission. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third reading of an ordinance (06-16) to amend the Abbeville County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, index of roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding State Park Road to the County Road System. Tabled till after Executive Session.

- c) Third reading of an ordinance (06-17) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a one (1) acre tract of land located at Nance Road and Sunset Cove and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-412 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d) Third reading of an ordinance (06-18) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 4.184 acre tract of land located at Bera Simpson Road, Vineyard Road and Songbird Lane and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-231 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- e) Second reading of an ordinance (06-19) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 28.99 acre tract of land located at Beulah Land Farm Road and identified by tax map number 103-00-00-005 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Commercial (GC). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- f) An ordinance (06-20) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 705.01 acre tract of land located at Beulah Land Farm Road and identified by tax map number 103-00-00-005 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
 - 1) An ordinance (06-21) suspending Sunday work prohibitions; and other matters related thereto.
 - 2) An ordinance (06-22) to amend Section 6.002, Paragraph B, Subparagraphs 4 and 5 of the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County concerning request to be heard.
 - 3) An ordinance (06-23) to establish certain fees to be charged by Abbeville County in connection with searching for and/or making copies of public records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
 - 4) An ordinance (06-24) to amend the Abbeville County Personnel Policy Manual to remove “General Election Day” as a paid holiday observed by Abbeville County from page eight (8) of the Personnel Policy Manual.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 2) A resolution (06-68) concerning Administrative Procedure 06-5 relating to retirement benefits. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 3) A resolution (06-69) to authorize the transfer of \$37,924.62 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) A resolution (06-70) to authorize the transfer of \$54,484.19 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) A resolution (06-71) of recognition for service to Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Moulder informed Council on the Association of Counties telecom consulting services agreement. Both the County Attorney and County Director concurred that this is a good idea for the County. Council requested it be placed on the agenda in January.

Chairman Gunnells asked County Director Moulder to read a letter from Ms. Wanda Detlefsen a Lake Secession resident.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Larry O'Quinn and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Jeff Simpson and Larry O'Quinn. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Larry O'Quinn, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue on Fire trucks and county road system. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue needed to be addressed.

Third reading of an ordinance (06-16) to amend the Abbeville County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, index of roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding State Park Road to the County Road System. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table third reading until further information could be obtained. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

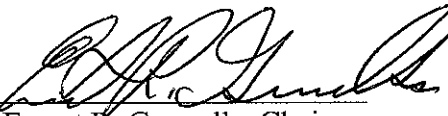
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Done this 8th day of January, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Ernest R. Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

County Council

RE: The location of the RRV on Lake Secession

First, I would like to recognize the generosity of the McGill family for donating the land for the volunteer fire station. In addition, I would like to express my empathy for the Lake Secession resident who had difficulty obtaining timely medical assistance. Finally, I would like for County Council to recognize that Mr. Reinhart does not represent my wishes as a resident of Lake Secession or the wishes of many other residents.

As a former member of the Lake Secession Homeowners Association, I objected to the location of the fire station on Lake Secession Road, which is just four tenths of a mile from Anderson County. At that time I felt it would have been more reasonable to place the station where it would serve the greatest number of Lake Secession/Abbeville county residents. (At the corner of 284 and Lake Secession Road)

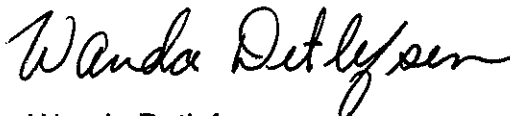
The question now at hand is the location of the Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV). The present location on Nance Road, while very close to my home, is not the most practical. The location should be, in my opinion, at the corner of 284 and Lake Secession Road.

If time permits, a better solution would be for County Council to conduct a demographic study of the Lake Secession and the surrounding area population and place the RRV in a location that best serves the most residents. Diamond Hill Elementary should be included in this consideration.

Mr. Reinhart offers a mired of reasons why he wants the RRV located at the McGill station; however, he ignores a fundamental issue. It should be placed where it will offer the greatest protection for the greatest number of residents on and around the lake. This should have been a consideration in the location of the fire department. Unfortunately, it was not.

I encourage all residents to make their wishes known to County Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wanda Detlefsen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wanda Detlefsen